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## THIS IS THE DAY

Legislature to Meet in Joint Ses-  
sion at Noon.

### MESSAGE OF ACTING PRESIDENT

Under Constitution Mr. Dole Could  
not Communicate to Lawmakers.  
Mr. Cooper's Paper.

Acting President Cooper has his  
troubles also. He is invariably clever  
to the newspaper people and has the  
good will of the entire corps. Rarely  
does he fail to help out a huntsman for  
a piece of news. That is, he rarely  
fails him when he has the news. As  
Minister of Foreign Affairs, he is the  
repository of lots and lots of information  
that the writers would dearly love  
to gain a look upon, but during the  
times when correspondence is under  
way he insists on talking about almost  
anything else. The reporters under-  
stand him pretty well and have come  
to learn that when he is disinclined  
to discuss a certain matter, it is best  
to drop it entirely. On occasion he  
becomes a sphinx. He has resisted all  
blandishments brought into play in  
effort to learn something of the latest  
in the Japanese letter writing. It was  
yesterday that the Acting President  
had a rather trying quarter of an hour  
several times. There are about half  
a dozen correspondents of foreign pa-  
pers and syndicates here. In the first  
place a couple of them thought they  
should have exclusive advance copies  
of the message the Acting President  
will read to the joint assembly today.  
All the correspondents were keen to  
send the message by the City of Pek-  
ing. The Acting President had de-  
cided that he would not let the mes-  
sage leave Hawaii till after it had been  
read to the Legislature. It was in  
vain that the newspaper people cited  
precedents. The Acting President was  
firm and the message will not go  
abroad till after it has been published  
here, following its transmission to the  
lawmakers in regular session.

There is quite a story attached to  
this particular message. An impres-  
sion has been put forth by at least one  
of the city papers that Acting Presi-  
dent Cooper is handling a revision or  
abridgement of a message sent back  
from the United States by Mr. Dole.  
This statement is entirely incorrect  
and is unjust and discreditable to  
the absent President and the Cabinet  
member who is acting for him. It will  
be Mr. Cooper's message that will go  
to the legislators and the people of  
the Islands today. Of course message  
was discussed before Mr. Dole de-  
parted for the United States. Mr. Dole  
even sent matter from abroad, but it  
was not received till after Acting Presi-  
dent Cooper had completed the draft  
of the document that will be heard to-  
day. While the message is actually  
the work of one man and that man  
the Acting President, as has invariably  
been the practice, the paper is read  
to the entire Ministry for approval,  
and the author of it hears their sug-  
gestions, and accepts data from the  
several departments.

Attorney-General Smith was asked  
about the message last evening and  
at once referred the interviewer to  
these two paragraphs in the Constitu-  
tion of the Republic:  
"Section 1. In case of the temporary  
disability or absence from the  
country of the President, the Minister  
of Foreign Affairs, while such disability  
or absence continues, shall act as  
President."  
"Section 5. In case any Minister  
shall act as President as herein pro-  
vided, he shall, while so acting, have  
all the rights and powers and be sub-  
ject to all the duties and obligations  
by this Constitution granted to or pre-  
scribed for the President."

The Attorney-General added that it  
naturally and legally became the duty  
of the Acting President, in the absence  
of the President, to prepare and send  
in the message and that of course, Mr.  
Cooper had done this with the approval  
of the Ministry and after prepara-  
tion of the message in the usual man-  
ner. Acting President Cooper's mes-  
sage will contain about 3,500 words  
and will no doubt be an able review,  
statement and declaration. The Act-  
ing President is well known as a pro-  
gressive man of positive views on all  
subjects and the whole people will  
look forward with interest to his ex-  
pression on various live topics and sig-  
nal issues.

At 12 noon today the Senate and  
House will meet in joint session in  
the old throne room to receive the  
message. The proceedings will open  
with prayer. Special invitations have  
been sent to the Supreme Court Jus-  
tices and Circuit Judges, Navy Officers,  
to a few other prominent Government  
officials and to all members of the dip-  
lomatic and consular corps. A large  
number of responses have been re-  
ceived and cards will be placed on the  
chairs so that the ushers will have no  
difficulty about the seating of the vis-  
itors. There has been published an  
invitation to the public in general and  
the attendance will be large. The  
military will extend the stated honors  
to those entitled to reception by  
troops.

At most the two houses will or-  
ganize today. Even that much may  
not be accomplished. The officers  
have been named several times by this  
paper. During the first few days of  
the session after the houses are ready  
for business, about 25 bills for acts  
will be presented. The majority of  
these will come from the Cabinet and  
will include the budget for the ensu-  
ing biennial term. Many private bills  
are held in readiness by members.  
There have been drafted measures for  
wide tires, bicycle travel regulation,  
liquor traffic, opium license, etc., etc.

### New Consular Agent.

Edward Abbot Fraser has been ap-  
pointed United States Consular Agent  
at Mahukona, Hawaii. The appoint-  
ment has been approved by Minister  
of Foreign Affairs Cooper, and all his  
official acts are to receive full faith  
and credit by the authorities of the  
Hawaiian Government.

### CRICKET.

#### Honolulu Club Has Had a Good Year.

The annual meeting of the Honolu-  
lu Cricket Club took place in the  
parlors of the Arlington hotel last ev-  
ening, Dr. H. V. Murray presiding.  
All there were about 30 members pres-  
ent.

Dr. Murray in his report for the  
board of management said that the  
present year had been the most suc-  
cessful in the annals of cricket in the  
Hawaiian Islands. More matches had  
been played and won owing to the  
presence of so many British men-of-  
war in port. He also referred to the  
fact that more members had been elec-  
ted to the club during the past year.  
He looked forward to the time when  
cricket would be recognized as the  
leading field game on these Islands.  
The treasurer's report showed that the  
finances were in good condition. Taken  
all in all the members should, from  
last year's experience, look forward  
to greater success during the coming  
year. The next business on the pro-  
gram was the election of officers and  
the following were elected to serve  
during the ensuing year: Dr. H. V.  
Murray, president; R. A. Jordan, vice-  
president; H. Thompson, secretary  
and treasurer; W. L. Herbert, captain;  
Alex. St. Martin Mackintosh, vice-  
captain. The executive officers chosen  
were: Rev. V. H. Kiteat, Mr. Wansey  
and M. Brach, these forming the  
board of management. The secretary  
named J. H. Catton as his assistant.  
A vote of thanks to the retiring offi-  
cers and Mr. Krouse for his kindness  
in allowing his parlors to be used as  
a meeting place, wound up the meet-  
ing.

After the general meeting came a  
short session of the board of manage-  
ment at which several active and hon-  
orary members were elected.

During the year the cricket club  
played thirteen matches, winning ten  
and losing three, a very good showing.

### Steamer After Trade.

The steamer Upolu which came in  
on Sunday left for Kohala and Kona  
ports yesterday afternoon. Her object  
in coming here was to see if it would  
pay her owner to send her regularly  
after freight. In case the experiment  
is a success, the Upolu will run regu-  
larly to the following ports from Ho-  
nolulu: Honoipu, Kawaihae, Kiholo,  
Makalawena, Kailua, Keahou, Na-  
poopoo, Hookeana and Kapona. Cap-  
tain F. Henningsen is still in com-  
mand.

### To Be Educated.

About three years ago, the Japanese  
Foreign Department sent out a num-  
ber of young men as student attaches  
to the Consulates of Peking, Soul,  
Vladivostok, and Mexico, their studies  
being partly commercial and partly  
diplomatic. The Department has now  
determined to extend the movement,  
and will send ten more students to  
China, Russia, Switzerland, etc.

A large locker has been placed at  
the boat landing. Now when packages  
are left there for transportation aboard  
various vessels in port, they will be  
safe.

W. M. Giffard is making a trip to  
Waimanalo plantation, on this Island.

## IS A "TRICO" MAN

Noted Figure of "The City" Now  
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### LAWYER AND JOURNALIST

**Ben Napthaly Who Has Had Career.**  
**When He Was a Star Reporter.**  
**Incident From Life.**

One of the really noted citizens of  
San Francisco is sojourning so quietly  
in Honolulu that the Golden Gate  
colony members who know that he is  
here are few in number. That the man  
is missed up there is without question.  
He is an individual of remarkable  
characteristics in several directions  
and will in all likelihood make an im-  
pression in the Islands. Just how San  
Francisco managed the Jubilee cele-  
bration on a cold day without Ben  
Napthaly to give warmth and glow to  
the occasion will ever remain a mys-  
tery. Ben is what the biographical  
artist calls "a host in himself." He  
has been a figure before the public of  
San Francisco for more than a quarter  
of a century.

Mr. Napthaly, when it comes to de-  
tailed descriptive, modestly arraigns  
himself as an attorney and journalist.  
He has had a wide and interesting  
experience in each of these fields.  
Napthaly may have his peculiarities,  
but it must be one of the chief joys  
of life to have the ability that has en-  
abled him to trim such a career as has  
been his. He says he has come to  
Hawaii to remain. He will be here  
till he takes a notion to return to his  
beloved San Francisco.

This stranger within the gates who  
is not a stranger to a good many of the  
people here, first came into promi-  
nence in San Francisco when he was  
a chip of a boy. He assisted the Chroni-  
cle in unearthing a tremendous scandal  
in an orphan asylum. The inmates  
received treatment that would make  
beasts out and run. A great reform  
was accomplished and the boy  
Napthaly was taken up by the De  
Youngs and others. He learned the  
printing business, became a reporter  
and a lawyer. He was the star man  
of the Chronicle city staff for a long  
time. As a lawyer, like the toad, he  
has had his ups and downs. Ben has  
been accused, either justly or unjust-  
ly of using a bit too much energy on  
behalf of clients. Some of his innova-  
tions to the practice were too progres-  
sive and direct for the staid wearers  
of the ermine. As a result Ben has  
from time to time since early in the  
70's come into collision with various  
courts. He has been punished for  
contempt of court and for saying that  
he was trying to conceal his contempt  
of court. Ben has been in politics  
ever since he was old enough to wade  
into the swim, and no legislative ses-  
sion at Sacramento has been consid-  
ered more than half baked without Ben  
on hand to act in any capacity from  
coxswain for a steering committee, to  
full blown lobbyist or bookkeeper for  
an oil room. He has been in all of it  
and has in his interior department  
the secrets of the statesmen of the  
Coast and their engineers and man-  
agers for 25 years.

Yes, Napthaly was a star reporter.  
One piece of work that he did has no  
parallel. It has been told hundreds  
of times at gatherings of pressmen.  
It shows to what expediences men  
will resort in loyal service to a paper  
or to merely get ahead of the other  
fellows.

It was about 1875 that a remarkably  
handsome and winsome girl of 18 or 19  
started from New York for San Fran-  
cisco with truly and really and ab-  
solutely no fortune but her face. The  
first train she boarded she handed the  
conductor a note to the effect that she  
was deaf and dumb and was endeavor-  
ing to reach relatives on the Pacific  
coast. She was about to be put off  
the car when passengers intervened  
and took up a collection. It was the  
same right through. The Americans  
had not at that date been defrauded  
by all sorts of games and pretenses  
as they have since.

The girl had very little trouble till  
she was somewhere out in Nevada.  
At this stage she became so elated  
over the success of her rush that she  
spoke to a lady in the seat beside her.  
A train official and several other gen-  
tlemen hear her give tone. The pretty  
girl, looking sweet and innocent, was  
a fraud. Upon being discovered she  
took refuge in the silence to which  
she had been accustomed for several  
days. Nothing could induce her to

utter another word, though she would  
not deny her deceit. The railroad peo-  
ple were so angered over the affair  
that they had the girl jailed at San  
Francisco.

The papers were mad to get the  
story of the interesting impostor. She  
smiled and sulked and cried, but not  
a word would she yield. The police  
tried to frighten her and women re-  
porters, then quite rare, used their  
blandishments, but she was impervious  
to all manner of inducement.

Finally, Ben Napthaly, then a dash-  
ing young chap, said that interview-  
ing the girl was too easy altogether,  
that he would get her story in ten  
minutes if he could be allowed to meet  
her privately. It was supposed to be  
a secret conversation, but officers were  
listening and afterwards the accounts  
were given identically by Napthaly and  
the girl. Ben told her a few fairy  
tales of what he personally and the  
great paper he represented would do  
for her if she would only let loose of  
the "story." It was a forlorn hope  
case clean and pronounced. Ben was  
about to give up, when a thought of  
meteoric brilliancy struck him. In a  
few well chosen sentences he made a  
formal proposal of marriage to the  
girl. She accepted him. The knot was  
tied without delay and the Chronicle  
had the story "exclusive" and made  
the biggest kind of a first page spread  
out of it. The romantic value of this  
narrative is impaired to some extent  
from the fact that the match was not  
a happy one at all. The affair ended  
in a month. However, Mr. Napthaly  
wedded again and it is one of the  
things said of him in San Francisco  
that he and his present wife are very  
devoted to each other.

This is only a page or so from the  
life of Napthaly. He is a warm hearted,  
generous fellow who declares  
that will show here that he has passed  
beyond all youthful playfulness and  
that he can become a solid and sedate  
citizen.

### In Distress.

At least one subscription paper for  
the relief of the Hawaiian anti-annex-  
ation delegation at Washington is in  
circulation in this city. It was pre-  
sented to a number of people yester-  
day with an appeal that could not be  
resisted by several. The statement  
was made that the statesmen from  
the various hails were sadly in need  
of funds to supply ordinary needs and  
that J. K. Kaulia, the big Indian of the  
combination was in the hospital. Kaulia  
has many friends here who will  
readily aid him if he is really suffer-  
ing. The other members of the em-  
bassy will no doubt be sent funds by  
friends here, for they have sympathiz-  
ers who feel for them.

### Mr. Dodge to Build.

Frank S. Dodge, captain of the com-  
pany of Sharpshooters, surveyor and  
sewerage and drainage expert, is going  
to build a house for himself and is  
preparing the preliminary plans. He  
has secured from C. D. Chase two of  
the finest lots on Punahou street. The  
ground is at the corner of Dominis  
and opposite Pauahi hall, of Oahu Col-  
lege. It is only a few feet from the  
car line and but a short distance from  
the mouth of Manoa valley. Mr. Dodge  
will be expected to put up a model  
cottage. At present he is a resident  
on the Walkiki beach.

### Lecture On Japan.

Rev. Oramel Gulick delivered a val-  
uable lecture yesterday afternoon to  
the students of Oahu College on Jap-  
an and the Japanese. He gave a most  
interesting description of the country  
and a characterization of the people.  
The lecture was illustrated by maps  
and photographs.

### Verdict for \$500.

At 5:50 yesterday afternoon, the  
jury in the case of C. J. Hutchins, the  
insurance agent, vs. the Wilder Steam-  
ship Co. for \$1,400 damages for a  
valise and contents lost, returned a  
verdict granting \$500 to the plaintiff.

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